



VELI Math STORYTIME TEMPLATE

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Math Skill Featured: comparing and measuring

Date of program: February 26, 2013

Number of attendees:
3 children, 2 adults

List all the components of the storytime in the order in which you did them.

Books used:

Tompert, Ann. *Just a Little Bit*. (a VELI selection)

This adorable book portrays the dilemma experienced between an elephant and a mouse when they board a see saw.

Patricelli, Leslie. *Higher! Higher!* Candlewick Press, 2009.

Dad pushes his little girl on a swing higher and higher.

Minters, Frances. *Too Big, Too Small, Just Right*. Harcourt, 2001.

Two rabbits encounter opposites in measurement.

Materials (from VELI):

Balances

Plastic animals

Linking cubes

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Opening Song (“So Happy You’re Here”)

Read *Just a Little Bit*, talk about the size/mass of the animals, and predict what will happen.

Movement Song: “I Feel Crazy So I Jump in My Soup”

Read/Sing: *Higher! Higher!*

Movement Poem: “Bend and Stretch”

Read *Too Big, Too Small, Just Right*. Let children determine the correct adjective.

Activity: Using a Balance

I was fortunate to have 3 balances, which was exactly enough for the small group I had. I gave each a small bowl of linking cubes and a plate of plastic animals. I asked questions like, “How many linking cubes equal the mass of the pig?” We did lots of experimenting accompanied by lots of counting.

Snack and DVD “Inch by Inch.”

Closing Song: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”

Anecdote:

One little girl said she had twelve linking cubes in one balance “cup” and six animals in the other. I said that must mean that each animal has a mass of 2 linking cubes. Her mother looked as if a light bulb had gone off in her head, and the two of them “tested” what I said with positive results!